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Leonard P. Zakim / Bunker Hill Bridge

Swiss bridge designer Christopher Menn conceived the bridge to reflect, with its inverted Y-shaped towers, the shape of the Bunker Hill monument, a major element of the visual landscape from the bridge.

In 1794, the original Bunker Hill monument, an 18-foot pillar with a gilt urn, was erected by King Solomon's Lodge of Masons to honor fallen patriot and mason, Dr. Joseph Warren. In 1823, a Bunker Hill Monument Association was formed to construct a more permanent monument to honor all of the patriots. The fundraising efforts continued on for years. In the late 1830's Protestant industrialist, Amos Lawrence of Boston, offered to contribute \$10,000 if someone else would cover the balance. No one volunteered. Judah Tauro, a native Bostonian who was a merchant and well-known philanthropist living in New Orleans, heard of the plight and donated the remaining amount.

The existing monument was completed in 1842. At the dedication in 1843, a poem attributed to the poet and humorist Oliver Wendell Holmes was read that contained the following lines:

*"Amos and Judah, venerated names
Patriarch and Prophet, press their equal claims ...
Christian and Jew they carry out one plan
For though of different faiths, each is in heart a man"*

Lenny Zakim's untimely death at the age of 46 in 1999 was a significant loss for Massachusetts and the nation. To Lenny, it was his life's work and obligation to bring people together, because he could not comprehend the concept of the word "hate". The bridge was an opportunity to recognize and honor his work as the regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of New England for 20 years. At a ceremony to announce the celebrations and dedication events for this bridge, which connects Charlestown and Boston, Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Chairman, Matthew J. Amorello said "This celebration will serve as unique tribute to Lenny Zakim and the Bunker Hill patriots. Both stood tall in the face of injustice, held their ground, and fought for liberty and freedom."

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Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge
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Research

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